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Sworn in for a 3rd term, Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter (D-Rialto) has been named Assistant Majority Policy Leader for the 2011-2012 session of the California Assembly.

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Steady Growth for District 62

As we start a new year, I am encouraged by the steady growth in jobs and investment in infrastructure in the 62nd Assembly District and the region.

We are adding jobs to the local workforce. The San Bernardino Valley Enterprise Zone provides state incentives to encourage employers to create and add jobs. One notable example of an Enterprise Zone company expansion is Brithinee Electric in Colton which has nearly doubled its workforce.

Revitalization of the former Norton Air Force Base has created 4,210 jobs since the base closure and has generated 8.5 million square feet of new construction for office and warehouse space. The benefits of the redevelopment have spread to areas around the San Bernardino International Airport. E-commerce arrived on the scene in June 2010 when Kohls.com opened a site. Distribution facilities for major appliance and furniture brands have also opened adjacent to the airport property.

I look forward to the future, confident that the 62nd District will continue to make progress.



Assembly Member Carter (center) with her daughter, Melody Riley (left), and former Assembly Member Longville (right) in her Capitol Office on December 6th before her swearing-in as a Member of the 2011-2012 Assembly.



Celebrate Martin Luther King Day

Thirty-one years ago, Assembly Member Carter, a founding member of the MLK Prayer Breakfast Committee, joined the larger community to raise funds for a statue - the largest of its kind - of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unveiled in 1981 and the vision of the late Rev Gertrude Whetzel, it stands proudly in front of San Bernardino City Hall. On January 17, 2011, we celebrate the slain Civil Rights leader's birthday. (More on MLK Day on page 2).



Inland Valley Development Agency Director of Aviation Bill Ingraham (center) explains baggage handling conveyor belts and TSA security at the newly-renovated San Bernardino International Airport terminal to Assembly Member Carter (left) and Chair of the Board of Supervisor and IVDA Co-Chair Josie Gonzales (right).

NEW LEGISLATION 2011

Hundreds of new measures have gone into law as of January 1, 2011. Assembly Member Carter is pleased to highlight three:

AB 2058

Allows the unemployed to enter training and retraining programs without fear of losing their unemployment insurance.

AB 308

A measure that retains property taxes generated by the Mountain View Power Plant in Redlands that would otherwise be re-allocated countywide under a funding formula in a 2007 state law.

SB 1381

Requires California children to be 5 years old when they start kindergarten and creates a new grade level for pre-K children. The change, which is aimed at improving student achievement, will be phased in 1 month at a time over 3 years starting in fall 2012.



Assembly Member Carter with Julie Wilson (left) and Cashondra McNeal (right) celebrate the legacy of Delta Sigma Theta. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will celebrate Founders Day on January 13.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebrates Civil Rights advocacy

Assembly Member Carter encourages everyone to celebrate Dr. King's heroic legacy by participating in your local festivities on Monday, January 17. The federal holiday, signed into law in 1983, is observed every third Monday of January. As an advocate for Civil Rights, Dr. King's passion toward equality paved the way for many individuals of various cultures and diversities today. The community will celebrate Dr. King's Legacy at the 31st celebration of the MLK Prayer Breakfast. Assembly Member Carter and members of the Breakfast Committee started the event with the commemoration of the Dr. Martin Luther King statue in 1981. It was later taken over by the Inland Empire Concerned African American Churches.



New safety-enhanced Metrolink cars to bring jobs to Colton

Metrolink has unveiled the first of 117 impact-minimizing passenger cars. Sixty employees will be added to Metrolink's maintenance facility in Colton to assemble the rail cars. Area officials attend the ribbon cutting on Dec. 8 at the Santa Fe Train Depot. From left: Rancho Cucamonga Councilmember Diane Williams; Assembly Member Carter; Stephen Wall, representative for Congressman Joe Baca; Metrolink Chair Keith Millhouse; Pat Morris, Mayor of San Bernardino; Mitch Alderman, SANBAG; Mayor Paul Eaton, Montclair and John Fenton, Metrolink CEO.

Assembly Member Carter in the Community



Members of Assembly Member Carter's 62nd Assembly District Advisory Council met Dec. 17 to discuss job creation and health care. From left, Imran Farooq, Ed McField, Assembly Member Carter, Sara Garcia, and Robert Armenta, Jr.



On December 14, Assembly Member Carter is with Abigail Mariam (center), the winner of National Foundation for Women Legislators 2010 Bill of Rights Scholarship Essay Contest, which Assembly Member Carter sponsored. They are in her District Office with Rialto School Board Member Joanne Gilbert (right).



Assembly Member Carter (left), State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson (center) and San Bernardino Community College Board of Trustee James C. Ramos (right) in Sacramento on December 6.



Assembly Member Carter (right) on the set of an upcoming PBS special called SOS: Sustaining Our Society. From left, Imran Farooq, executive producer, Glend Bland, president of Bland Solar Group, Ryan Higgins and Jerry Lopez, both veterans being trained to install solar panels.